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PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION DIRECTIVE

ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER		DATE	February 27, 2019
MOTOR CARRIER MATTER		DOCKET NO.	2019-44-E
UTILITIES MATTER	✓	ORDER NO.	

SUBJECT:

<u>DOCKET NO. 2019-44-E</u> - <u>Application of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company for Authority to Participate in a \$6 Billion Revolving Credit Facility</u> - Staff Presents for Commission Consideration South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Application for Authority to Participate in a \$6 Billion Revolving Credit Facility.

COMMISSION ACTION:

The Company requests Commission approval to participate in the Proposed Core Credit Facility and to execute its Fourth A&R Revolving Credit Agreement, which will add SCE&G as a borrower and replace the existing core credit facility. Under the new Core Credit Facility, revolving credit loans may be made to the Borrowers, at any time and from time to time up to the full aggregate amount of the commitment of the Lenders less any letters of credit that have been issued. The SCE&G sub-limit shall not at any time exceed \$1 billion.

The Proposed Core Credit Facility has a maturity date of March 20, 2023, and a maximum aggregate amount of \$6.0 billion.

The proceeds of any borrowing by the Company under the Proposed Core Credit Facility will be used for general corporate purposes, including commercial paper liquidity back-up. In addition, a portion of the Proposed Core Credit Facility will be available for the issuance of letters of credit.

Borrowings, if any, by the Company under the Proposed Core Credit Facility will be accounted for on the books of the Company as either short-term debt or long-term debt depending upon the facts and circumstances of the borrowing.

The Proposed Core Credit Facility will mature on March 20, 2023. However, the Borrowers will continue to have the option to extend the maturity for two one-year periods. Any loans or drawn amounts outstanding under the Proposed Core Credit Facility must be repaid in full at the end of the term.

SCE&G's existing commercial paper program will continue to be fully supported by the existing revolving credit facility which matures December 17, 2020; however, SCE&G states it will have missed an opportunity to increase its liquidity and extend the maturity of its current revolving credit facility several years. Without the increase of liquidity, the Company maintains it would be subject to a potential decrease in credit ratings. According to SCE&G, if the credit ratings are reduced, the Company's ability to offer and sell securities rapidly to take advantage of favorable transient market conditions could be adversely affected, which could potentially increase the cost of debt.

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The Office of Regulatory Staff has reviewed this matter and recommends approval of SCE&G's

request.